



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 253

LCO No. 1311



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY NURSING HOME BED
REDUCTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "nursing home facility" has the same meaning as provided in section
3 19a-521 of the general statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of
4 section 17b-352 of the general statutes, a nursing home facility may
5 voluntarily decrease its total licensed bed capacity by way of a
6 temporary reduction of licensed beds for a period of not less than six
7 months while maintaining its right to place such beds back into
8 service. The Commissioner of Social Services shall approve the
9 reinstatement of beds upon the request of the nursing home facility
10 provided the commissioner determines a demonstrated need for the
11 beds exists within a fifteen-mile radius of the facility. A nursing home
12 facility shall not be eligible for approval of the reinstatement of the
13 beds unless the facility has maintained ninety-five per cent occupancy
14 for a period of ninety days prior to the date of the request for
15 reinstatement.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection
17 (f) of section 17b-340 of the general statutes, whenever a nursing home
18 facility voluntarily reduces licensed beds under subsection (a) of this
19 section, the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the
20 Medicaid rate to the facility in an amount derived from the
21 recalculation of the facility's fixed costs allocated to the new reduced
22 licensed bed capacity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2014	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To facilitate and encourage voluntary bed reductions at nursing home facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]